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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN SHUFFLES CABINET BUT HOLDS COURSE

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SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN ANNOUNCED WIDELY
EXPECTED CABINET SHAKE-UP AT 6 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
CATCHING MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS AS THEY DEPARTED FOR
THE WEEKEND. CHANGES INVOLVED RESIGNATION OF TWO CABINET
MEMBERS -- HOME SECRETARY JENKINS AND LORD PRIVY SEAL
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SHEPHERD -- ELEVATION OF ONE MEMBER TO HOUSE OF LORDS --

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY PEART -- TRANSFER OF SEVERAL PORT-FOLIOS AND DESIGNATION OF THREE NEWCOMERS. CABINET, AS A RESULT, INCREASED FROM 23 TO 24 MEMBERS. ALSO ANNOUNCED WERE STRUCTURAL CHANGES INVOLVING "SUPER DEPARTMENTS", ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH, AND CHANGES IN SUB-CABINET POSITIONS. CALLAGHAN, AS EXPECTED, JUGGLED PEOPLE AND POSITIONS SKILLFULLY TO MAINTAIN GOVERNMENT'S IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE WHILE INFUSING NEW BLOOD AND REPAYING POLITICAL DEBTS. RESULT IS EXPECTED TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT SLIGHTLY WITHOUT ALTERING ITS PRESENT POLICY COURSE. END SUMMARY

1. HAVING DELAYED HIS PLANNED DEPARTURE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA BECAUSE OF THREATENED STRIKE OF BRITISH SEAMEN, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN SEPTEMBER 10 CAUGHT THE MEDIA, POLITICIANS AND OTHER OBSERVERS OFF GUARD BY ANNOUNCING ANTICIPATED CABINET SHUFFLE AS WEEKEND BEGAN. WITH SEAMEN'S STRIKE AT LEAST POSTPONED (SEPTTEL) AND NEWS OUT, HE DEPARTED FOR CANADA A DAY LATE. ANNOUNCED CHANGES (PREVIOUS POSITIONS IN PARENTHESES), TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY'S INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF NEW INCUMBENTS, FOLLOWS:

-- ROY JENKINS (HOME SECRETARY) - JENKINS RESIGNED TO TAKE UP POST OF PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION.

-- MERLYN REES (NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY) - HIS REPLACEMENT OF JENKINS WAS WIDELY ANTICIPATED. REES, WHO, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, HAS PERFORMED WITH NOTABLE SKILL OVER PAST 31 MONTHS IN CABINET'S MOST TAXING POSITION AND RAN CALLAGHAN'S SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO REPLACE WILSON AS PRIME MINISTER, WAS OVERDUE FOR PROMOTION ON BOTH COUNTS. WHILE SOME CIVIL LOBERTARIANS HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH HIS APPOINTMENT, WE NOTE THAT HE BEGAN TO RESTORE CIVIL LOBERTY IN NI BY ELIMINATING DETENTION, REFORMING PRISON SYSTEM, SEEKING TO RE-ESTABLISH POLICE AS PRINCIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND MANIFESTING PROFOUND CONCERN FOR HUMAN SUFFERING WHILE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT PROVINCE. OUR GUESS IS THAT HE WILL HAVE LOW KEY, POLITICALLY COURAGEOUS AND HUMANE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS OF RACE RELATIONS, IMMIGRATION, AND LAW ENFORCE-
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MENT. HIS PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP ON FRANKS COMMISSION STUDYING REFORM OF OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT ALSO SUGGESTS HE WILL MOVE FORWARD IN THAT FIELD.

-- ROY MASON (DEFENSE SECRETARY) - ACCEPTING TOUGH NI SLOT VACATED BY REES WITH SOME RESERVATIONS, MASON IS PROBABLY THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL OF THE CHANGES ANNOUNCED FRIDAY. ON THE BASIS OF HIS REPUTATION AND OAST

EXPERIENCE, MASON WOULD NOT SEEM TO POSSESS THE PATIENT,
CONCILIATORY QUALITIES OF HIS THREE BEST KNOWN
PREDECESSORS: REES, CONSERVATIVE WILLIE WHITELAW. AND
CALLAGHAN. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BRING SOME USEFUL
QUALITIES TO THE JOB. FIRST, HE HAS A LONG RECORD OF
WORKING CLOSELY AND SMOOTHLY WITH THE BRITISH MILITARY. A
KEY CONSIDERATION IN NI. WHOSE RELATIONS WITH REES WERE
AT TIMES PRICKLY. HE IS ALSO TOUGH-MINDED AND FORTH-
RIGHT, QUALITIES WHICH COULD SERVE HIM WELL IN DEALING
WITH ULSTER'S POLITICAL LEADERS. HIS APPOINTMENT IS
UNLIKELY TO BE WELCOMED IN NI, THOUGH PROTESTANT LEADERS

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MAY FIND SOME CONSOLATION IN EXPECTATION (INCORRECT, WE WOULD GUESS) THAT IT PRESAGES A TOUGHER SECURITY POLICY.

-- FRED MULLEY (EDUCATION SECRETARY) - GENERALLY REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN WEAK AND INEFFECTUAL AT EDUCATION (A JUDGEMENT, INCIDENTALLY, DISPUTED BY JUNIOR MINISTERS AT THAT DEPARTMENT), MULLEY'S MOVE TO DEFENSE SEEMS TO INDICATE A CONTINUATION OF THE STATUS QUO RATHER THAN CHANGE. A QUIET, SOMEWHAT RETIRING MAN WITH A FIRST RATE
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MIND, MULLEY IS A SKILLFUL MOVER BEHIND THE SCENES. VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. AND HAVING MANY AMERICAN FRIENDS, MULLEY ALSO BOASTS OF CLOSE TIES WITH THE TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE LABOR PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE WILL BE ASSISTED AT DEFENSE BY A NEW MINISTER OF STATE, JOHN GILBERT (TRANSPORT MINISTER) WHO REPLACES WILLIAM RODGERS (SEE BELOW).

-- SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (PRICES SECRETARY) - HER ELEVATION TO ONE OF THE MAJOR DEPARTMENTS WAS EXPECTED; AT EDUCATION SHE WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR A LARGE BUDGET, A DEMORALIZED STAFF (BECAUSE OF SPENDING CUTS), AND RAGING POLITICAL CONTROVERSY (ABOUT FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF BRITISH EDUCATION). WE WOULD EXPECT THE ABLE AND ARTICULATE MRS. WILLIAMS TO MOVE QUICKLY TO RESTORE MORALE AND FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY TOUGH POLICY, FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS SHE FACES. SHOULD SHE SUCCEED IN THIS FORMIDABLE TASK, HER POLITICAL STOCK WOULD SOAR. (SHE RETAINS HER POST AS PAYMASTER GENERAL.)

-- ROY HATTERSLEY (MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS) - REPLACING MRS. WILLIAMS AT PRICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, THE AMBITIOUS AND TALENTED HATTERSLEY BECOMES, AT 43, THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE CABINET. CLOSE TO CALLAGHAN, HE HAS BEEN MARKED FOR PROMOTION. AND NO DOUBT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE CHALLENGING BRIEF.

-- LORD SHEPHERD (LORD PRIVY SEAL AND LEADER OF LORDS) - RESIGNED AND RETURNS TO BACKBENCHES IN LORDS.

-- FRED PEART (AGRICULTURE SECRETARY) - INCREAS-
INGLY THE LIGHTENING ROD FOR DISSATISFACTION OVER AGRICULTURAL MATTERS, PEART WILL MOVE TO LORDS REPLACING THE INCREASINGLY INFIRM LORD SHEPHERD. AS PRIVY SEAL HE WILL RETAIN A SEAT IN THE CABINET, BUT HIS INFLUENCE WILL

BE GREATLY REDUCED.

-- JOHN SILKIN (MINISTER FOR PLANNING) - NAMED TO REPLACE PEART, SILKIN'S PREVIOUS SEAT IN THE CABINET IS ABOLISHED, WITH HIS FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY SHORE AS PART OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THAT
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DEPARTMENT (SEE BELOW). A TRIBUNITE, SILKIN HAS NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD AND, AS ONE WHO OPPOSED BRITISH CONTINUATION IN THE EC, CAN BE EXPECTED TO WORK VIGOROUSLY TO REFORM ITS AGRICULTURE POLICIES.

-- WILLIAM RODGERS (MINISTER OF DEFENSE) - LONG OVERDUE FOR PROMOTION TO THE CABINET LEVEL, RODGERS WILL TAKE OVER THE RECREATED TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT (SEE BELOW). A STRONG, EFFECTIVE RIGHT-WINGER AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF BOTH ROY JENKINS AND SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, RODGERS IS LIKELY TO FIND HIS ABILITIES TAXED TO THE UTMOST IN ATTEMPTING TO RATIONALIZE BRITAIN'S TROUBLED AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR.

-- STAN ORME (SOCIAL SECURITY MINISTER) - RETAINING HIS PRESENT OFFICE. ORME IS ELEVATED TO THE CABINET. THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS ARE PARTIALLY SEPARATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY AS A RESULT. THE ELEVATION OF ORME -- AN ABLE MINISTER LIKED BY CALLAGHAN AND A TRIBUNITE -- IS IN PART A MOVE TO PRESERVE THE CABINET'S IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE AND IN PART A STEP WHICH MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE FINANCIAL IMPORTANCE OF HIS PORTFOLIO.

2. FOLLOWING SUB-CABINET CHANGES WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED:

-- GERRY FOWLER (MINISTER OF EDUCATION) - HE RESIGNED AND WILL RETURN TO THE BACKBENCHES. FOWLER HAS BEEN IN BAD ODOR FOR SOME TIME DUE TO HIS HANDLING OF DEVOLUTION WHEN HE HAD THAT BRIEF.

-- GORDON OAKES (UNDERSECRETARY, ENERGY) - NAMED TO REPLACE FOWLER AT EDUCATION, OAKES HAS BEEN IN GOVERN-

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MENT SINCE MARCH 1974, FIRST AS UNDERSECRETARY AT
ENVIRONMENT AND THEN AT ENERGY WHERE HE WORKED EFFECTIVE-
LY WITH SECRETARY TONY BENN.

-- DAVID OWEN (HEALTH MINISTER) - OWEN

MOVES TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHERE HE REPLACES HATTERSLEY
AS MINISTER. HE WILL HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
EUROPE (HE WAS A PRO-MARKETEER DURING THE REFERENDUM
CAMPAIGN). AT AGE 38, OWEN IS CONSIDERED A REAL COMER.

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-- ROLAND MOYLE (MINISTER FOR NI) - A LOYAL REES MAN, MOYLE MOVES UP TO THE MORE IMPORTANT POSITION OF MINISTER AT HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, REPLACING OWEN.

-- LORD MELCHETT (LORD-IN-WAITING, ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT) - THE YOUNG (AGE 28) AND HIGHLY TOUTED PETER MELCHETT ASSUMES HIS FIRST OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POST AS MINISTER FOR NI, REPLACING MOYLE. IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED MOVE.

-- JOHN GILBERT (TRANSPORT MINISTER) - ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE, MODERATE JUNIOR MINISTER, GILBERT MOVES TO DEFENSE, FILLING THE SLOT VACATED BY RODGERS.

-- JOHN CUNNINGHAM (NO PREVIOUS POST) - CALLAGHAN'S FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY, CUNNINGHAM MOVES TO THE ENERGY UNDERSECRETARIAL POST LEFT BY OAKES. A MODERATE, CUNNINGHAM IS REPORTEDLY ABLE AND ENJOYS THE RESPECT OF HIS FORMER BACKBENCH COLLEAGUES.

-- BOB CRYER (NO PREVIOUS POST) - ALONG WITH THE LORD MELCHETT APPOINTMENT, CRYER'S DESIGNATION AS INDUSTRY UNDERSECRETARY IS THE MOST SURPRISING OF THE ANNOUNCED SHIFTS. CRYER IS AN ARTICULATE AND OUTSPOKEN HARD-LINE TRIBUNITE. HE WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CO-OPTED BY ACCEPTING THE INDUSTRY APPOINTMENT, PERMITTING CALLAGHAN TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT/LEFT BALANCE IN GOVERNMENT AND REMOVING ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MOST VOCAL AND PERSISTENT BACKBENCH CRITICS. CRYER IS BEING HARSHLY CRITICISED BY SOME FELLOW TRIBUNE MEMBERS.

-- JOHN HORUM (NO PREVIOUS POST) - NAMED TO AN UNDERSECRETARIAL POSITION AT TRANSPORT, HORUM IS A YOUNG (37) AND ABLE RIGHT-WINGER. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MANIFESTO GROUP OF RIGHT-WING LABOR MP'S.

3. THE MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE ANNOUNCED WAS THE RE-EMERGENCE OF AN AUTONOMOUS TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT -- AND ABOUT TIME, MOST CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORT

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POLICY WOULD SAY. CARVED OUT OF THE BULGING ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO, THE SUBTRACTION STILL LEAVES MUCH TO OCCUPY INCUMBENT ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY SHORE, AS HE REGAINS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING AND URBAN AFFAIRS FROM THE BRIEF DROPPED BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SILKIN AND ASSUMES CHARGE OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE DESIGNED TO DEVISE WAYS TO EASE GROWING RACIAL TENSION AND PROBLEMS IN

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THE OTHER SUPER DEPARTMENT,
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY WAS RETAILORED WITH THE MOVES
THAT ACCOMPANIED ORME'S ELEVATION TO CABINET RANK.

4. COMMENT. ON ITS FACE, CALLAGHAN'S SECOND GOVERNMENT-
AL REORGANIZATION REACHES FURTHER THAN HIS FIRST IN TERMS
OF BOTH PERSONNEL AND FUNCTION' AND INCREASES THE NUMBER
OF CABINET MEMBERS BY ONE, FROM 23 TO 24. FURTHER

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JUNIOR MINISTERIAL CHANGES CAN BE EXPECTED IN COMING WEEKS, AS THE NEW SECRETARIES WORK OUT THEIR DEPARTMENTAL TEAMS. AS REGARDS PERSONNEL, CALLAGHAN BRINGS NEW, BUT TESTED, YOUNG TALENT INTO THE CABINET (THE AVERAGE AGE DECREASED BY ONE YEAR TO 54) AND GOVERNMENT WHILE PRESERVING ITS IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE. AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED, CALLAGHAN ALSO REPAID SOME POLITICAL DEBTS (E.G. REES. MOYLE AND CUNNINGHAM). THE ANNOUNCED ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES REFLECT CALLAGHAN'S REPORTED BELIEF THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPER DEPARTMENTS WERE TOO/LARGE AND UNWIELDY. IN THEIR

SHIFT IN EMPHASIS -- NOTABLY TOWARD EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY, ALL MAJOR SPENDING PORTFOLIOS -- BUT LITTLE CHANGE IN BASIC DIRECTION.

5. THE PRESS, ESPECIALLY, HAS LAMENTED THE DEPARTURE OF ROY JENKINS. IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO US. HOWEVER, THAT HIS TENURE AT THE HOME OFFICE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTINGUISHED, WHILE HIS POLITICAL INFLUENCE SINCE THE MARCH LABOR PARTY LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS HAS BEEN NIL. WE ANTICIPATE THAT REES WILL MORE THAN FILL THE VOID AT THE HOME OFFICE AND THAT THE DYNAMIC MRS. WILLIAMS WILL INHERIT JENKINS' MANTLE AS LEADER OF THE LABOR PARTY'S RIGHT-WING. BEYOND THESE EXPECTATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT INFUSION OF NEW BLOOD COULD DO AS MUCH TO REINVIGORATE THE LABOR PARTY AS DID CALLAGHAN'S SUCCESSION. THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED INTRACTABILITY OF BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND THE ANTICIPATED EMERGENCE OF DEVOLUTION/AS A CRITICAL POLITICAL ISSUE.

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